

There has been high and crooked play in the private rooms of the same hotels. Recently a gang of English and American sharks induced a crowd of wealthy and, in some cases, titled Englishmen to play Chemin de Fer. Fifty cards were cold-decked, with the result that the Englishmen were robbed of \$32,000 in cash, and probably this sum would have been a greater save for the interference of a woman, who discovered the crooked play. A fight ensued, but the crooks got the money, the Englishmen preferring not to complain.

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